

# Morning Worship

## January 30, 2022, 10:00 am

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

**Worship Theme:** The Greatest of these is Love

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "Standing on the Promises" arr. Todd Beany

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Ed Hendricks

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 71:1–6 Leader

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.;

**People:** In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**People:** Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth

**People:** Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

**\*Opening Hymn** "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this time of worship where we can hit "pause" on the busyness of life to learn more about You – and more about ourselves. The Apostle John said repeatedly that "God is love," inspiring us to be that love in this world, since "*those who remain in love, remain in God, and God remains in them.*" Let this time of worship reconnect us with You. Allow us to remain in you, so that just as "*Love is patient; love is kind,*" we can be that patience and kindness, and model that belief, hope and endurance for others – as well as for ourselves. We pray this all in Jesus' name.

Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament Lesson:** Jeremiah 1:4–10 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**\*New Testament:** 1 Corinthians 13:1–13 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Sermon** "Love: the Great Multiplier" Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn of Response** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" TFWS #2120

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering of our Gifts** (*Please mail in your offerings*)

**\*Doxology**

### Offering Prayer (Unison)

Lord Jesus, as we approach this time of offering, redirect our hearts to you. We are not giving because you “need” it or in an attempt to “pay you back” for all the blessings that you’ve showered on us. That is both untrue and impossible. Instead, we are here to give in Love. We state with Paul, “*If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*” Please accept and bless our gifts of love and use these treasures to serve those you entrust in our care. It’s in your name that we pray.

Amen.

### WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*Sending Hymn      “Take My Life, and Let It Be”      UMH #399

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Resp.      “Surely The Presence of the Lord”      UMH #328

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Join us Wednesday’s @ 7:30am for  
**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship  
Next-up: **Isaiah 6:1–8 / Luke 5:1–11**



[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



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(Recorded Sessions)

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### Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwwSlkyQT09>

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**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

**“Growing in the Body of Christ”**